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### 'Only One Hope'

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...I am a salesman with experience in getting people to follow my suggestions, even though I do not have one ounce of authority. I have gotten along nicely in our system and I shall continue to strain every effort to preserve it.

Any student of history knows that war, win, loose or draw, is the fastest way to destroy any liberal government. Therefore, I do not want another war.

As Russia, China and Cuba are far from perfect, so too our United States is not so lily pure as we so loudly proclaim. I am for the Pickets for Peace, whoever and wherever they are, notwithstanding the fact that some call them devoted to communism. I guess they think essentially as I do, but in addition have the courage to protest, in the cold and in the rain, our immature foreign policy. I guess that most, if not all, are picketing with compensation, and that displays a sincerity almost unknown within our U.S. and especially at our nation's capital.

Someone said years ago, "do unto others as we would have others do unto us!". Expedient leaders consider that to be window-dressing for the masses, but I do not. I know that is sound philosophy, essential to long-term well-being.

If Russia and China and Cuba were doing one-tenth towards us that we are doing towards them — completely ringed by huge military bases, U.S. airplanes flying constantly close to Russia loaded with hydrogen bombs all ready to trigger and drop, a dozen or so atomic submarines each carrying and ready to release an explosive load roughly equivalent to the total explosives released by all the participants in World War II, and I guess other military and spying and economic aggravations too numerous to mention — we would be scared stiff and perhaps already would have triggered a war.

It is only an immature person who expects to accomplish anything but troubles by such conduct.

Harold E. Stassen was fired and expelled from political support, as I understand it, because he had the Russians ready to sign on our terms a disarmament treaty in London in about 1957. A Sunday supplement in January quoted a Central Intelligence Agency source that the Communists sneaked in to the Adana (Turkey) base for Powers' U-2 and installed electronic equipment causing the plane to malfunction. I certainly hope the CIA

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is sufficiently efficient that only the CIA themselves could do such a job on a certainly well guarded U-2. I guess that U-2 flight, and any tampering that may have been done, were deliberate and certainly diabolical acts to tor-

pedo the forthcoming summit peace conference.

For the ensuing week it seemed possible, even likely, the Russians would not allow this insult to obstruct the peace conference. Therefore in my humble, and I hope erroneous, but firm opinion, our dominating leaders were still afraid the summit conference might be a success; therefore and certainly in any case, they called a world-wide U.S. military alert for day-break the morning the conference was scheduled to open. Combined, these diabolical realities accomplished deplorable results.

The Russians know, as do all the intelligent and informed people outside our brainwashed U.S., that our military, vested interest in war materials, and the CIA aided and abetted by our expedient communications system and expedient politicians et al. all for floating dollars and aggrandizement, will not allow a peaceful settlement to our man-made, world problems.

... There is only one hope for the well-being of the world, and that certainly includes the U.S., and its representative form of government, and that is: World law through a strengthened and representative United Nations with a world police force and complete national disarmament. Yes sir, that means subordinating our U.S. to a world government, and that would be, among the smartest and most self-interested things we ever did.

The mature person or business or nation does not want a gun, they want law with police protection. The Pickets for Peace seem to be for a stringer and I hope, representative United Nations, and if so I am for them 100 per cent and greatly admire their sincerity and courage.

... Remove dollars from war, and war will collapse as a punctured balloon.